

REMARKSClaim for Priority Under 35 USC 119

The Examiner is respectfully requested to acknowledge applicants' claim for priority under 35 USC 119 and receipt of the certified copy of the priority document.

Restriction Requirement

Restriction was required under 35 USC 121 and 35 USC 372 as follows:

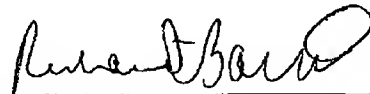
Group I. Claims 1 to 5 and 7 to 17, drawn to a method of making a steel plate; and

Group II. Claims 6 and 18 to 32, drawn to a steel plate.

Applicants elect Group I (claims 1 to 5 and 7 to 17).

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections and recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,



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